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US Environmental Protection Agency EPA

Green light in the US for BMW

The top US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has acquitted BMW of the suspicion of exhaust technology in the USA sold models illegally. 'We have thoroughly examined and have the BMW products

No evidence of fraud found, 'said the EPA Director responsible for Transport and Emissions

Christopher Grundler in an interview with WirtschaftsWoche and Handelsblatt. Grundler explicitly referred only to the US models of BMW, which can be structurally different from the European models: 'I know that the situation in Europe is very different. '

In Germany, the Munich Public Prosecutor's Office and the Kraftfahrtbundesamt (KBA) suspect that BMW has used illegal exhaust technology. BMW contradicts a conscious manipulation and speaks of one accidentally loaded engine control software.

On March 27, star-lawyer Steve Berman (dubbed Hagens Berman in Seattle), feared in the US, had one Civil suit filed against BMW. 'BMW is cheating, as has cheated on VW,' said Berman

Wirtschaftswoche. In his complaint, which is the WirtschaftsWoche, he speaks of measurements on a used BMW off-road vehicle X5 from 2012, which had the law firm of exhaust experts perform. The Vehicle can detect if it is not an exhaust test and then regulate the emission control down.

Result: 'The software manipulations result in emissions ranging from three times the limit (highway) to to 8.5 times (city) rich. ' Measured peak values are 20 times faster on motorway journeys and the 27-Fache on city trips.

EPA Director Grundler said attorney Berman certainly did not have the expertise and the laboratory equipment that the

EPA is available. He was aware that there were companies that did such measurements for lawyers, who often did not work at a high level: 'We call them two men and a PEMS'. A PEMS (Portable emissions measurement system) is a portable measuring device.

The EPA, together with the Californian environmental authority CARB, has uncovered the VW emissions scandal. After how

Before the EPA sees large deficits in compliance and corporate culture at VW. Daimler joins the EPA Conciliation procedure for the suspicion of illegal exhaust technology.

On Thursday it was announced that the KBA also found illegal exhaust gas technology at Daimler. Daimler holds the

Reviews of the KBA for legally wrong: The two software functions complained of by the KBA had none Influence on the result of the Nefz test, but would only serve the longevity of the engine - and be with it not illegal, according to the legal opinion of the group. If necessary, they wanted to clarify the court, said Daimler

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The fact that BMW has nothing to fear from the EPA, was publicly not yet known - for the BMW top was but maybe not completely new. Because that had to information from WirtschaftsWoche on 17 March 2017

Meeting with the head of the EPA, Scott Pruitt. From 8:30 to 9:15 he received BMW boss Harald Krüger, the BMW communications chief

Maximilian Schöberl and two BMW lobbyists in his office in Washington. What the is not known.

Critical exhaust gas measurements should not have been more likely. Because the EPO responsible for the measurements,

Grundler was not present.

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